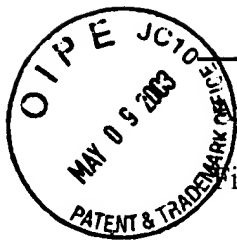


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Please cancel, add, and amend claims as indicated below.

Please cancel claims 5-6, 20-21, and 30-31.

Please add new claims 40-43.

Please amend claims 1, 9, 19, and 29.

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